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The Leonard Fire Update

San Andreas-The Leonard Fire has consumed 4,185 acres and continues to burn in steep, rocky terrain. The fire is 40% contained. "This morning 16 hand crews were deployed west of the Sierra Vista Lookout below Doster Road to clear seven miles of dense vegetation," said Steve Lombardo, Incident Commander. "The crews are needed to get closer to the fire's edge. There will be several deliberate back fires started today to stop the spread of the fire," added Lombardo.

Residents should expect to see a lot of smoke. Necessary precautions should be taken. "Persons with asthma or other respiratory disease, the elderly and small children should avoid going outdoors when it is very smoky," said Dr. Kelaita, Calaveras County Health Officer. "As a precaution, avoid outdoor exercise and strenuous activities," added Kelaita. Anyone with health problems related to air quality should contact their private physician or in the event of a medical emergency call 9-1-1.

Doster Road and Hawver Road remain closed. For information regarding road access or restrictions, call the **CHP San Andreas Office from 8:00 AM until 5:00 PM at 754-3541** and at their Stockton Dispatch center **after 5:00 PM at 943-8600**.

An evacuation center is located at the Calaveras High School in the old gymnasium, located off Highway 49 in San Andreas. People are reminded to use Gold Strike Road for access to the center. Red Cross signs are located on Gold Strike Road. If you are trying to find friends or relatives call the **Red Cross at 533-1513**.

Calaveras County Fairgrounds has a temporary animal shelter in operation. Animal Control appreciates donations of food and bedding. Sufficient donations have been received at this time. For assistance with evacuating animals, call **Animal Control at 754-6509**.

Calaveras County Office of Emergency Services and CDF continue to monitor the situation and provide updated information. Local residents may call the 24-hour **CDF Fire Information Center at 754-5773, 754-4692, and 754-5527**. Other information may be found at the CDF Website at www.fire.ca.gov and the County's Website at www.co.calaveras.ca.us.

